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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

HAMPDEN-SMITH et al.

Serial No. 09/927,888

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Atty. File No. 41890-01597

For: "FINE POWDERS FOR USE IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

BATTERIES"

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment having a mailing date of February 10, 2004, and the Examiner's Action having a mailing date of June 24, 2003, with respect to the above-identified Application. Applicants had previously requested a three-month extension of time in relation to the non-compliant response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Examiner: Mary Lynn Theisen

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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